

Media Advisory:
California Senate Honors Women of the Year
Lincoln High School Counselor Receives Award

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SENATOR GLORIA ROMERO NAMES LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR WITH CALIFORNIA SENATE'S WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

WHO: Gloria Romero, State Senator (D-Los Angeles)
Vera Padilla, Lincoln High School Career Counselor Chosen as
24th District Woman of the Year
Lincoln Heights Chamber of Commerce, Event Co-Sponsor

What: Presentation honoring 24th District Woman of the Year, Vera Padilla

When: Friday, March 21, 2003

Time: 4:00 P.M.

Where: Lincoln High School
Library
3501 North Broadway
Los Angeles, California 90031

WHY: In its 17th year, the California State Legislature celebrates Women's History Month by honoring remarkable women throughout California who have made significant contributions to their community.

Senator Romero has chosen **Vera Padilla as the 24th District Woman of the Year**, and will be presenting Ms. Padilla, a Career Counselor at Lincoln High School, with a Certificate of Commendation from the California State Senate in recognition of Ms. Padilla's outstanding leadership role in education and community activism in the Lincoln Heights community.

Ms. Padilla has been influential in the continuous development of educational programs and projects that seek to meet the needs of students, parents, and the Lincoln Heights community. Among her significant accomplishments Vera Padilla has been responsible for securing grant funding to increase parent participation at Lincoln High School and increase graduation rates among students.

Past recipients honored by Senator Gloria Romero as Women of the Year include: 2002 honoree Joanne Kawai of Monterey Park, a Garfield Medical Center Nurse and lead activist in the drive to unionize Garfield Medical Center nurses; and 2001 Honoree, Ruth Swigget of El Sereno, who just celebrated her 100th birthday and has served the El Sereno Community since 1942.